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The examination is being carried out on the **following application documents**:

Text for the Contracting States:
DE FR GB

Description, pages:

1-14 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-6 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/7-7/7 as originally filed

1. The following document (D) is referred to in this communication; the numbering will be adhered to in the rest of the procedure:

D1: WO 98 09422 A

2. D1 discloses (see in particular page 19 line 17 - page 22 line 28, page 26 lines 7-28, figures 11-14) according to all the features of claim 1, a method for managing signal processing resources of a multimedia platform (page 21 lines 23-25) designed for applying signal processing operations to multimedia signals (page 21 lines 25-26), wherein it comprises the following steps of defining multimedia functions each capable of monitoring the operation of a set of multimedia platform signal processing resources (page 20 lines 25-26), putting them in contact (page 20 lines 26-28), and adapting the contents of the signal processing resource set depending on the multimedia signal to be processed (page 20 lines 26-28), and using the multimedia functions to apply the signal processing operations to said multimedia signals (page 20 lines 28-30).



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Therefore claim 1 is not allowable in that its subject-matter lack of novelty, Article 52(1) and 54 EPC.

3. Dependent claims of claim 1

3.a The additional feature of dependent claim 2 („assembling basic functions ..) is disclosed in D1 (page 22 lines 23-28).

3.b. The additional features of dependents claim 3-5 are merely straightforward possibilities from which the skilled person would select, in accordance with circumstances, without the exercise of inventive step.

4. Independent Claim 6 corresponds for the category "apparatus" to the method claimed in claim 1 therefore the same objections as for claim 1 arise (see paragraph 2. and 3 above).

Independent claim 6 is not allowable in that its subject-matter lack of novelty, Article 52(1) and 54 EPC.

5. Other matters

5.a. Any new independent claim should be in two-part form recommended by Rule 29(1) EPC having a pre-characterising portion which correctly reflects the prior art document D1.

5.b. The opening part of the description should be modified to bring it into agreement with any amended independent claim, Rule 27 (1) (c) EPC.

5.c. All claims should include reference signs relating to the technical features referred to therein, Rule 29 (7) EPC.

5.d. In order to meet the requirement of Rule 27 (1) (b) EPC, the cited document D1 should be acknowledged and briefly discussed in the opening part of the description.



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- 5.e. In his letter of reply the Applicant should clearly indicate the parts of the originally filed application serving as basis for any newly claimed subject-matter. This would greatly facilitate the subsequent substantive examination of the claims with respect to Article 123 (2) EPC.